

Special Franklin County Council February 21, 2006
County Commissioners room @ 7:00 p.m.

Those present:

Martha Bergman
Carroll Lanning
Donald "Butch" Williams
Kenneth Rosenberger
Hollie Sintz

Elected officials:

Robert Brack
Louis Linkel
Dale Maxie

Franklin County Chief Deputy Auditor:
Catherine Stockhoff

*Donald "Butch" Williams opens meeting to with the Pledge of Allegiance and calls meeting to order

I. Review

- a. Donald "Butch" Williams – we are not ready to make cuts and not sure where we are at. I have been in contacts with people in the last two weeks as well as the Auditor Office. I contacted Senator Nugent and Representative Bischoff and did finally make contact with Governor Daniels office and they returned my asking what was going on. I stated the main problem was we received from the DLGF that we were going to have to cut 1.3 million from our budget (not long after the check from Lawrenceburg) for 2006 and we thought we left fat. We thought 1.3 was unreasonable and wanted someone to check into this. Asked Gail Snyder and Dan Eggerman to meet with us and got word they could not. Friday morning I received a call from Bob Harris (DLGF) and he was ready to work with us and talk and first of all, he wanted to assure us that the rainy day fund is something we will look at when figuring your budget. That money is yours and you can spend it however, you want to. I said I want to know why we have this 1.3 all of the sudden. He replied we are over spending our budget. I said we have heard that for the last three years and the fact is last year we were ½ million less that 2004 and didn't increase 2006 any. Bob said Dan Eggerman told him we were spending our cash reserves. That didn't make sense to me either, we spend our money out of the general fund. We have not went and got money some place else. I asked him to tell me where they (cash reserves) are – we need some answers. He said your certified shares have went down over the last three years and your excise has decreased. No, you haven't increased spending but you revenues have went down. So that is where we left it. Senator Nugent talked to the Governor last week. How are the certified shares figured.
- b. Catherine Stockhoff – I emailed Gail (Snyder) today and have not received anything back because I don't know how that is derived.
- c. Donald "Butch" Williams – we need to find out-and about the vehicles
- d. Catherine Stockhoff – the excise comes from you vehicles
- e. Jeff Koch – any SUV is figured as a truck
- f. Donald "Butch" Williams – I don't see as many Ohio plates as I used to. Feels the Auditor's office has done everything they can. You have sent the figures up to the DLGF and have not received the 1782?
- g. Catherine Stockhoff – correct. We feel maybe she has not increase the CAGIT figures. The estimation is a little low of about \$700,000.00.
- h. Donald "Butch" Williams – have felt every since last fall and Carol (Monroe) and you (Catherine Stockhoff) did too.
- i. Donald "Butch" Williams ask if there is any question or suggestion
- j. Carroll Lanning wants to know if we know a time limit of when the DLGF will get back to us regarding the 1782 Notice
- k. Jeff Koch wants to know if the state does the cuts where will they cut
- l. Catherine Stockhoff says they will start with the 4400 series and go from there
- m. Donald "Butch" Williams wants to know about the certified shares if Catherine can find out how the DLGF come up with the figures or if it is something council can do
- n. Catherine Stockhoff answer by saying both she and council can contact someone and get the answer
- o. Martha Bergman wants to know if the budget will be approved
- p. Catherine Stockhoff says it will not be approved as it is right now

II. Prisoner Revenue

- a. Dale Maxie state the governor has ordered all prisons be filled – a couple of thousand inmates got released since January
- b. Dale Maxie states we will lose nine of the seventeen DOC prisoners by the 24th of the Month
- c. Dale Maxie says by the end of March the prisons will be filled and the inmates will be returning to the counties
- d. Catherine Stockhoff wants to know how much revenue each inmate generates per day. Dale Maxie say if we hold 10 \$127,000 a year. We will probably get in the neighborhood of twenty back on average.
- e. Dale Maxie brings up the work release program and says the prisoners are charged \$70.00 per week. He is waiting on Gene Stewart to come back with an ordinance to allow them to charge \$100.00 per week.
- f. Dale Maxie says that some people are talking about building private jails and housing prisoners – that will really hurt the county.
- g. The county receives \$35.00 per day per state prisoner and the state receives \$85.00, they are making some money states Dale Maxie

III. Adjourn

- a. Jeff Koch motions to adjourn
- b. Kenneth Rosenberger seconds the motion
- c. Donald "Butch" Williams – all in favor; outa here

Approved 03/28/06